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TOPIC Soviet Troops Moving Northward Through SCHWERIN

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1. Truck convoys of Soviet artillery troops, who were said to have practiced in the area of FAHRBIENDE (M 54/T 44)-GOLDEN-STADT (M 54/T 54) - LEWITZWIESEN (M 54/T 54), moved through SCHWERIN (M 54/T 46) in the evening and proceeded north. The following convoys were observed:

a. Truck convoy, towing six to eight field guns,

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b. Truck convoy, towing six to eight antitank guns,

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2. Several convoys of trucks, some occupied by troops and some towing guns, passed through SCHWERIN and proceeded north. All motor vehicles were marked with a 12 inch white stripe, running across the driver's cab and the side walls.

The following convoys were observed:

a. Convoy of about 20 trucks, occupied by troops with red epaulets, some trucks towing light AT guns and carrying heavy mortars,

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c. Convoy of about 40 trucks, occupied by troops with red-bordered black epaulets, some trucks towing field howitzers and carrying heavy mortars, all having

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Comment:

One train carrying about 30 trucks, 8 AT guns and 10 field guns, left the SCHMIDT main railroad station in the afternoon of 30 September 1949 heading south.

Comment:

Artillery firing practices were held in the FAHRBINDER-GOLDEN-SHAEDEL-LEWITZWILDER area in July 1949, presumably by component units of both the IV Arty Corps and the 18th Recz Div. It is considered credible that artillery units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div held field practices in the area east of the JASCHITZ Forest in September 1949.

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